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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS
ANNEXATION TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687
AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 (UNINCORPORATED ZONE)
PROJECT NO. 19-207 - WORKMAN MILL ROAD
UNINCORPORATED AVOCADO HEIGHTS AREA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to initiate the proceedings for the annexation of territory designated as Project No. 19-207 to the County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA-1 (Unincorporated Zone) in the unincorporated Avocado Heights area, and order the preparation and filing of an Engineer's Report.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
- 2. Waive the March 11, 1980, Board adopted policy for Project No. 19-207 regarding the submittal of a petition with the signatures of property owners representing 60 percent or more of the area proposed for annexation. The proposed annexation boundary for Project No. 19-207 is shown on the enclosed map.
- 3. Approve the project and adopt the Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Annexation of Territory to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA 1 (Unincorporated Zone).

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4. Order the Department of Public Works to prepare and file an Engineer's Report for Project No. 19-207.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for your Board to initiate proceedings for the annexation of territory designated as Project No. 19-207, to County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687 and County Lighting District (CLD) LLA-1 (Unincorporated Zone) (collectively, County Lighting Districts), and order the preparation and filing of an Engineer's Report for Project No. 19-207, pursuant to Section 22585 of the California Streets and Highways Code. The Engineer's Report will include the plans for improvements, the estimated cost of the improvements, a diagram showing the area to be annexed, and the annual assessment that will be applicable.

As set forth in detail below, Project No. 19-207 is part of and located within the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project. The Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project is to be funded collectively by the County Lighting Districts and First Supervisorial District using monies from Puente Hills Community Enhancement and Benefit Fund.

The March 11, 1980, Board policy regarding the submittal of a petition with the signatures of property owners representing 60 percent or more of the area proposed for annexation was adopted pursuant to the recommendation of the then-County Road Commissioner to establish a specific guideline for annexing territory to CLD LLA 1, especially with regard to petitions for annexation by property owners who desire street lighting. Since the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project is sponsored by the County of Los Angeles (County) and affected property owners will not be required to pay for installation of the new street lights, we recommend that the March 11, 1980, Board policy be waived for Project No. 19-207.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). Public Works ensures the fiscal sustainability of street lighting services by performing the annexation, levying of assessments, and property tax transfer to provide the funding necessary for the installation, operation, and maintenance of new street lighting facilities within the annexed territory. In addition, this action is consistent with Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) since street lighting services provide for the delivery of a customer-oriented municipal service that improves the quality of life for residents in the area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

There are sufficient funds in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 County Lighting Districts budget to finance the cost of the Engineer's Report.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Project No. 19-207 is part of and located within the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project sponsored by the County. The purpose of the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project is to enhance street lighting on Workman Mill Road from Valley Boulevard to San Jose Creek in the unincorporated Avocado Heights area. This street lighting project will replace existing street lights on Workman Mill Road with decorative double lamp street lights on concrete poles.

With the exception of the area defined by Project No. 19-207, the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project within the unincorporated area is located within the boundaries of the CLDs and is proposed to be funded by the CLDs and the Puente Hills Community Enhancement and Benefit Fund.

The annexation of territory defined by Project No. 19-207 to the CLDs will provide continuity in street light design and uniformity in lighting levels on Workman Mill Road from Valley Boulevard to San Jose Creek in the unincorporated Avocado Heights area.

These proceedings are governed by the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Section 22500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code). Public Works will prepare an Engineer's Report that complies with Section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code and Article XIIID, Section 4(b), of the California Constitution.

After your Board adopts the enclosed Resolution Initiating Proceedings, an Engineer's Report will be prepared and filed with your Board. A separate Resolution of Intention to Annex Territory to CLMD 1687 and CLD LLA 1 (Unincorporated Zone), will be prepared and submitted for your Board's consideration and adoption. Following your Board's approval of the Resolution of Intention to Annex, a public hearing will be scheduled, at which time assessment ballots and notices will be mailed to the affected property owners within Project No. 19 207 in accordance with the requirements of the California Streets and Highways Code and Article XIIID of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), with the assessment ballots tabulated at the conclusion of the public hearing.

The Resolution Initiating Proceedings has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA. The project, to initiate proceedings to annex territory to the CLDs for the purpose of enhancing street lighting, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(x)(27) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which specifically include annexations to CLDs and installation of street lights and involves no expansion of use. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on project records.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Preparing an Engineer's Report is consistent with the current services regularly provided by Public Works.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the signed Resolution Initiating Proceedings to Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter and Resolutions to the County Assessor, Ownership Services Section (Attention Angela Gadsden); and one to the Auditor-Controller; Tax Division (Attention Kelvin Aikens).

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

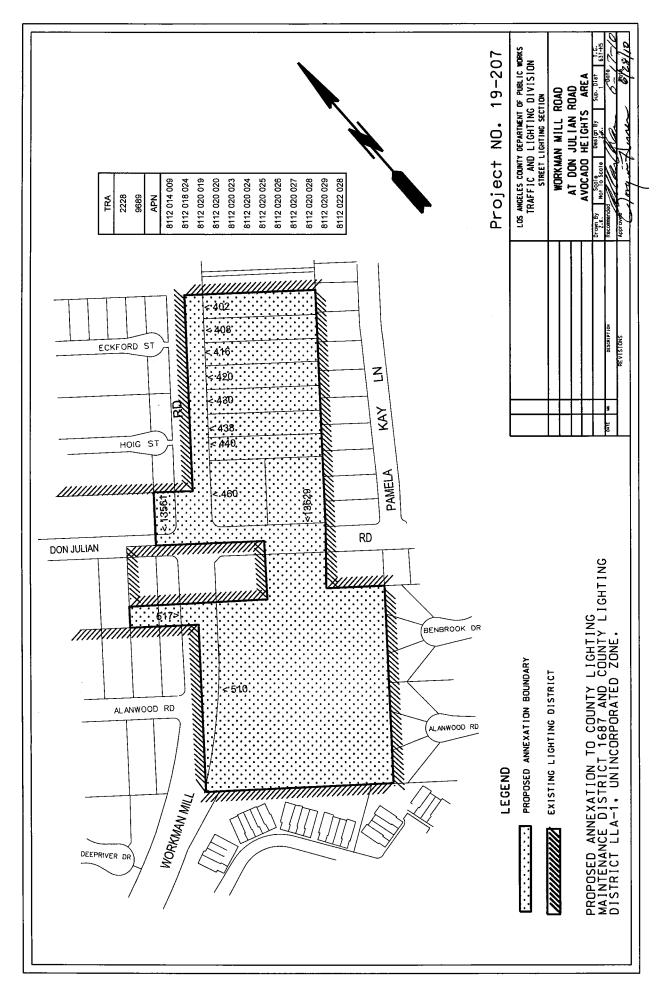
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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office County Counsel (Talin Halabi) Executive Office

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 (UNINCORPORATED ZONE) PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 PROJECT NO. 19-207

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is constructing roadway, landscaping, and hardscaping improvements to Workman Mill Road from Valley Boulevard to San Jose Creek in the Avocado Heights Area.

WHEREAS, the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project will enhance street lighting along Workman Mill Road from Valley Boulevard to San Jose Creek by replacing existing street lights on various types of poles with decorative double lamp street lights on concrete poles.

WHEREAS, Workman Mill Road from Valley Boulevard to San Jose Creek within the unincorporated area is located within the boundaries of County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA-1 (Unincorporated Zone) with the exception of the area defined by Project No. 19-207.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works desires to have a street light system that will provide for continuity in street light design and uniformity in lighting levels within the limits of the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project.

WHEREAS, the annexation of Project No. 19-207 to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA-1 (Unincorporated Zone) will ensure continuity in street light design and uniformity in lighting levels within the Workman Mill Road Decorative Street Lighting Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board proposes to annex the area defined by Project No. 19-207 to County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Lighting District LLA-1 (Unincorporated Zone), to provide for the installation, operation, or maintenance of street lights in accordance with the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is hereby ordered to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Section 22565 of the California Streets and Highways Code and Article XIIID of the California Constitution.

The foregoing resolution Initiating Proceeding was on the _______ day of _________, 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN County Counsel

Deputy